

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, claims 10 and 12 were objected to as being dependent upon an a rejected base claim but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The present amendment is submitted to limit the claims of the present application to the allowable subject matter of claims 10 and 12.

Accordingly, claim 1 now requires an average particle size of from about 3 to 5 microns as set forth in claim 10. Accordingly, claims 8-10 have been canceled. Claim 19 has been amended to limit the centerfill chewing gum composition one requiring a calcium compound in the form of calcium carbonate wherein 50% of the particles have a size of about 0.8 micron and 50% of the particles have a particle size of about 15 microns. This has resulted in the cancellation of claim 12. In addition, claims 11 and 24-28 and 30 have been canceled as well.

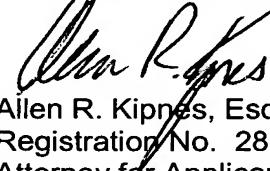
It is respectfully submitted that the present claims as amended limit the claimed subject matter to that set forth in allowed claims 10 and 12. It is therefore submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

The cancellation of claims in the amendment submitted herewith is without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the canceled subject matter by the filing of a continuation application. No admission is made herein that the canceled subject matter is not patentable.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present application should proceed to allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this matter. However, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

Respectfully submitted,



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